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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the southernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.45' N. latitude, 131°18.90' W. longitude, to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point, to Point Davison Light then due west to the District 2 boundary, with the following restriction:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

District 2: will be open south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moir Sound: all waters will be closed.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m., Monday, July 8, through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2013:

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.10' N. latitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile south of McLean Point Light) and south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Moir Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

District 4: will be open.

District 10

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

District 10: will be open with the following restrictions:

Admiralty Island shoreline: will be closed within three nautical miles of the Admiralty Island shoreline;

Frederick Sound: will be closed east of a line from Cape Fanshaw Light to Pinta Point.

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Chichagof Island Shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline north of the latitude of South Passage Point (including the waters of Tenakee Inlet east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point and Freshwater Bay to normal markers);

Kelp Bay and Catherine Island shoreline: will be open within two nautical miles of Baranof Island and Catherine Island north of South Point **at 57°16.28' N. latitude** (except that all waters of The Basin will be open) and south of 57°21.00' N. latitude;

Hidden Falls THA: will be closed.

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7 and from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2013:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76' W. longitude (normal markers).

District 14

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 7, 2013:

Section 14-C: will be open within two nautical miles of the Chichagof Island shoreline.

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors operating in the Ketchikan area are asked to unload all purse seine vessels after fishing on Sunday, prior to continuing fishing in District 2 on Monday. Harvest information from this one day opening is crucial to evaluating the traditional Sunday fishery.

Hidden Falls THA Information: The 2013 forecast summer chum salmon return to Hidden Falls THA is 1,315,000. Of this return, 135,000 are needed for broodstock leaving 1,180,000 available for common property harvest. On July 4, the average weight of chum salmon was 6.8 pounds and the sex ratio was 44% male. **As of July 5, NSRAA has secured 35,000 chum salmon behind the barrier net for broodstock. NSRAA needs an additional 100,000 fish to meet egg-take goals.** Chum salmon tax assessment remains in effect **and includes the Kelp Bay area** – see the purse seine news release dated June 5, 2013 for additional information.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Tuesday, July 9, 2013.**

Copies of the “2013 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is 1S2313.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 27
Preliminary Estimates compiled July 5, 2013

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2	0	4,200	6,700	105,000	95,000	210,900	34
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	1050	100	106,000	14,300	121,450	20
Tenakee Inlet	0	500	50	150,000	23,500	174,050	18
Section 13-C	0	200	50	19,000	9,000	12,080	5
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	900	25	850	645,000	646,775	84
Hidden Falls THA/Kelp Bay	250	900	900	39,000	190,000	231,050	51

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Red	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2	0	124	197	3,088	2,794	6,203
12-A Chichagof Island Shoreline	0	53	5	5,300	715	6,073
Tenakee Inlet	0	28	3	8,333	1,306	9,669
Section 13-C	0	40	10	3,800	1,800	2,416
Amalga Harbor SHA	0	11	0	10	7,679	7,700
Hidden Falls THA/Kelp Bay	5	18	18	765	3,725	4,530

District 10: no reported harvest.

Anita Bay THA: 100 chums and 2,500 kings harvested to date.

Deep Inlet THA: no harvest information available.

Kendrick Bay THA: 2,500 chums harvested to date.

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